



LESSON 3 – Developing Christlikness

“What’s involved in bearing my cross? **Doing whatever it takes to be like Jesus!**”
- Louie Marsh, Simple Life Devotional

CONNECT 15 Minutes



When you hear the word discipline do you react in a positive or a negative way? Why?

It often seems that the average Christian is more disciplined about watching their favorite TV program than they are about being faithful in a ministry. Agree or disagree? Why do you think this might be true?

GROW 45 Minutes



Key Verse

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” Luke 9:23 (NIV)

The foundation of spiritual growth is your understanding of God's Word. Each week, bring your Bible and your study guide to the group meeting.

Watch the video now. Follow along in your Bibles and take notes on the provided outline.

THE SIMPLE LIFE, LESSON #3

1) Definition of Developing Christlikeness: Developing Christ's _____ &

2) Two tools for doing this: _____ & _____

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

- All who disciple must also be _____
- A majority of learning involves some type of _____

3) A mentor is someone who:

- _____ what they know.
- _____ their life experiences.
- Allows him or herself to be _____

4) A Mentor should be...

- The same _____
- An active member of and involved in a ministry in _____
- Grounded in _____
- Someone I can _____
- Someone who's not afraid to _____

5) A second vital tool: _____

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

- Jesus founded the very first _____

- Small groups are NOT _____

6) Why are small groups so important?

- God made us with a need to _____
- They provide _____
- I have a greater _____

7) What happens in a small group?

- They are centered around _____
- Authentic _____ takes place.
- Mutual sharing of _____
- Time for _____
- _____ for each other.

8) Small groups _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Now's the time to talk about what you just heard. Feel free to ask any questions you have, but always be respectful and listen to others.

1) Do you think developing Christlike conduct and character is a good way to sum up spiritual maturity?

2) Do you regularly practice spiritual disciplines? (Prayer, Bible Study & Meditation, Fasting, etc.)

3) Name a few of your spiritual mentors, either past or present, and talk about the impact they've had on your life.

4) Discuss how someone could go about finding a mentor. Do you agree with the list of qualifications given in the video. Are there any you would add?

5) Do you meditate on the Word of God when you worship God privately? How would you define meditation?



PRAY